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GENERAL: Rainfall this past week benefitted fall seeded wheat, and the regrowth of pastures and alfalfa, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Crop maturity remained near normal with the first fields of corn, soybeans and sorghum having been harvested. Other producer activities included alfalfa harvest and seeding wheat.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged slightly above normals in the Northwest while the remainder of the State averaged one to five degrees below normals. Light freezing temperatures were noted in the southern Panhandle. Precipitation occurred across the State with amounts ranging to over two inches in the eastern half of the State.

CROPS: **Corn** condition rated 4% very poor, 9 poor, 25 fair, 42 good, and 20 excellent. Irrigated corn was 78% good to excellent while dryland corn rated 40% good to excellent. Ninety-six percent had dented which compared to 97 last year and 93 average. The crop rated mature on 43% of the acreage, compared to 76 last year and 40 average. Harvest progressed to 4% combined to date, behind 16 last year and 5 average.

Soybean condition rated 7% very poor, 14 poor, 32 fair, 38 good, and 9 excellent. Plants had turned color on 79% of the crop, compared to 95 last year and 76 average. Leaves were dropping on 34% of the acreage and compares with 71 last year and 36 average. Harvest had started in most areas with 2% combined, compared to 8 last year and 2 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 11 poor, 35 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent. The crop had turned color on 90% of the acreage and compared with 96 last year and 87 average. Twenty-nine percent was mature, compared with 70 last year and 28 average. Harvest was underway in the southern districts last week with 2% cut to date, behind 32 last year and 7 average.

The **dry bean** harvest was complete on 48% of the acreage, compared to 49 last year and 39 average. **Millet** harvest progressed to 54% combined, compared with 43 last year. **Wheat** seeding was 35% complete, compared with 39 last year and average.

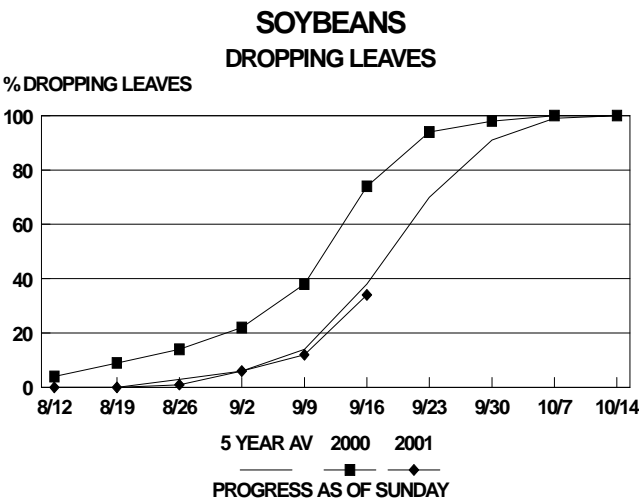
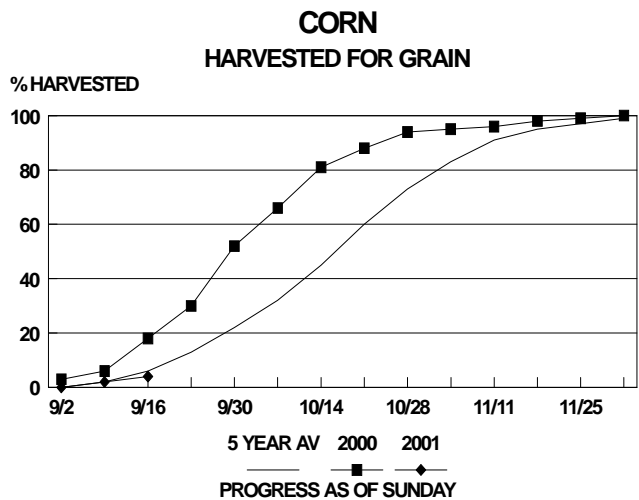
Fourth cutting **alfalfa** was 30% cut to date, compared to 60 last year and 27 average. Condition rated 6% very poor, 16 poor, 36 fair, 36 good and 6 excellent.

Pasture and **range** condition rated 8% very poor, 21 poor, 40 fair, 27 good, and 4 excellent.

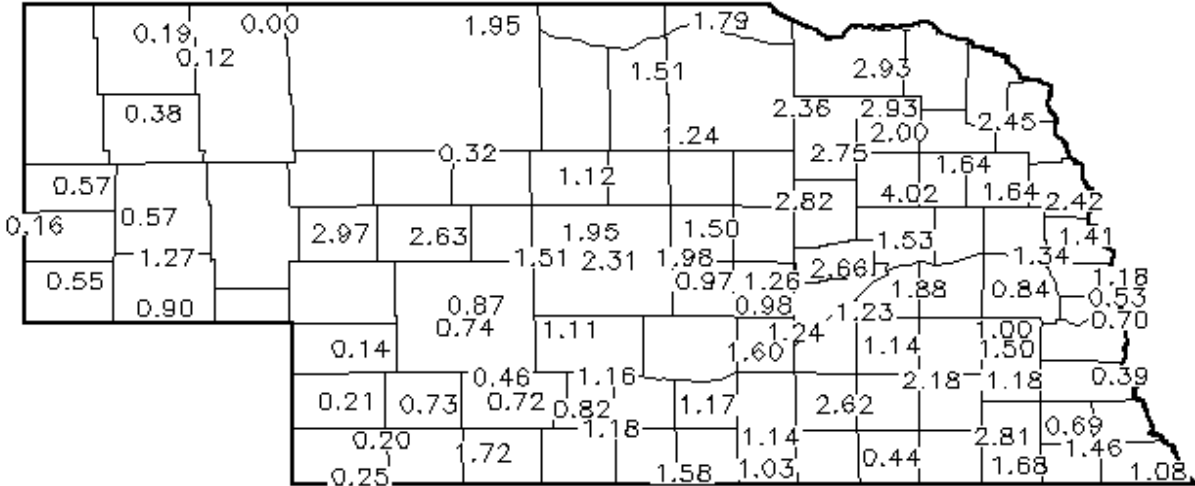
PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Dent	90	99	94	98	98	88	100	99	96	91	97	93
% Corn Mature	20	25	33	52	55	22	44	60	43	25	76	40
% Corn Harvested	1	1	3	3	6	4	5	4	4	2	16	5
% Soybeans Turning Color	n/a	77	76	81	82	80	84	77	79	50	95	76
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	26	16	38	40	38	43	41	34	12	71	36
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	2	0	8	2
% Sorghum Turning Color	n/a	92	75	93	97	87	79	91	90	83	96	87
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	10	12	20	34	16	25	34	29	7	70	28
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	0	0	0	1	4	1	2	2	0	32	7
% Wheat seeded	51	40	35	10	10	23	14	20	35	11	39	39
% Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	27	29	27	25	34	40	47	35	30	20	60	27
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.8	5.4	7.0	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	9	19	0	3	18	2	0	8	10	13	68	
- % Short	50	24	13	27	25	16	21	23	27	35	27	
- % Adequate	39	51	68	70	56	65	78	64	57	50	5	
- % Surplus	2	6	19	0	1	17	1	5	6	2	0	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	9	12	1	5	34	11	15	14	12	15	76	
- % Short	47	41	35	46	44	40	30	44	42	42	20	
- % Adequate	44	46	54	49	22	46	55	42	44	41	4	
- % Surplus	0	1	10	0	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	

n/a = not available.



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - September 16, 2001 ¹							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.49	1.53	2.55	1.59	1.18	.54	1.26	1.48
Total since April 1	12.24	19.88	24.80	19.02	21.37	15.25	20.36	28.07
Normal since April 1	12.47	15.83	18.12	17.23	19.58	14.89	17.22	20.47
Total as % of normal	98%	125%	137%	110%	108%	102%	118%	136%

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE AND GROWING DEGREE DAY DATA, NEBRASKA,
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001¹

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Day Data Since April 15		
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		Max	Min					
NW	Chadron	91	34	60	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	---	---	---	---	102	2638	2405
NC	Sidney	94	31	63	---	103	2507	2464
	Valentine	90	37	66	+4	---	---	---
	Arthur	---	---	---	---	83	2620	2592
NE	O'Neill	---	---	---	---	85	2751	2747
	Norfolk	85	46	63	-1	---	---	---
	Sioux City	84	45	60	-5	---	---	---
CEN	Concord	---	---	---	---	71	2725	2799
	Elgin	---	---	---	---	86	2765	2808
	West Point	---	---	---	---	81	2842	2965
	Grand Island	84	44	65	0	112	2942	2847
EC	Ord	83	42	61	---	105	2924	2824
	Kearney	---	---	---	---	110	2939	2817
	Lincoln	88	47	65	-2	110	3192	3125
SW	Omaha	83	48	65	-1	---	---	---
	Central City	---	---	---	---	106	2899	2888
	Mead	---	---	---	---	99	2984	3075
SC	Imperial	90	39	66	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	83	34	62	-1	104	2774	2674
SE	Curtis	---	---	---	---	116	2864	2714
	Holdrege	---	---	---	---	116	2938	2796
SE	Red Cloud	---	---	---	---	129	3302	2881
	Beatrice	---	---	---	---	109	3074	3126
	Clay Center	---	---	---	---	110	2953	2873

¹ Temperature data furnished by National Weather Service, Valley, NE. Growing Degree Day data furnished by High Plains Climate Center.